

Witness name: HHJ Sally Cahill QC  
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**THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

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**Witness Statement of Her Honour Sally Cahill QC**

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I, Her Honour Judge Sally Cahill QC, say as follows:-

1. I am a Circuit Judge having been appointed in April 2004. I am also authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Family Division, having been appointed also in 2004.
2. In the summer of 2013 I was telephoned by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Judge, who asked me if I would conduct an Inquiry for the Archbishop of York. He told me that the Inquiry would be conducted as a part of my judicial duties and in judicial time. He arranged that I be released from my normal judicial duties at Leeds Crown Court. I obviously complied with the request of the Lord Chief Justice.
3. The terms of reference were agreed between the office of the Archbishop of York and the office of the Lord Chief Justice. Those terms were amended when I asked the question of what was I to do if I found there were no policies or if actions were not covered by policies.
4. Mr Joe Cocker was appointed as an Independent Social Worker Advisor, and Mrs Nicola Harding was appointed as Clerk to the Inquiry. I had no involvement in the appointment of Mr Cocker, but I believe that in relation to Mrs Harding I asked if the Clerk to the Inquiry could be someone who had some knowledge of the workings and administration of the Church of England. Mr Cocker played a full part in conducting the Inquiry and was the author of Chapter 16 of the report.
5. I conducted the Inquiry as requested by Lord Judge, as part of my judicial duties. I wrote my report and presented it to the Archbishop of York.
6. I produce my report. I have nothing to add to it.